Aid for Indira Lift Scheme in Rajasthan

†757. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide adequate financial aid to Government of Rajasthan for middle level irrigation projects;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to sanction the said project at the earliest by providing hundred per cent aid for Indira Lift Scheme at River Chambal; and

(c) if so, by when the said sanction will be accorded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigating, funding along with priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including irrigation and flood control, primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves.

Central Government has launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 to provide Central Loan Assistance (CLA) to the Major and Medium Irrigation Projects, which are in an advanced stage of completion. The Government of Rajasthan has not yet proposed Indira Lift Scheme for CLA under AIBP.

Danger due to siltation of Kharasrota river in Orissa

758. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "12 villages face threat of watery grave", in Orissa which appeared in the New Indian Express dated the 17th November, 2002;

(b) whether Kharasrota river is posing a danger to the villages;

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